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STAT MEMORANDUM FOR: Office of Training
SUBJECT : USSR Training Program

In reference to point one, I feel that this type of program would contribute to analyst effectiveness if measures were taken to insure attendance.

2. This particular program was useful to me because I obtained a wealth of background data enabling me to re-evaluate what knowledge I already had.

3. a. I am not an analyst so I will skip this, since the assumptions mentioned probably do not pertain to me.

b. Personally I found the economic lectures were boring and about 50 percent irrelevant. The others were interestingly presented.

c. The time allotted was generous, but not excessive. The two-hour periods with a ten minute break were satisfactory.

d. On an overall average the balance between lecture and discussion was satisfactory, however I would not favor certain periods devoted entirely to discussion.

4. I think a limited amount of reading would be reasonable. I found occasional reference to Kirchner's "An Outline-History of Russia" quite helpful.

In addition I would restate my stand on attendance. I found it embarrassing to be one of five (as happened several times) assembled before a professor, who is presumably on a consultant basis. If we have in the agency people who have all this information at hand, I suggest that they be prevailed upon to conduct such a course for fellow-employees, thus eliminating the expense of the consultant's salary.

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